

SESSION OF IREM TEMPLE

MYSTIC SHRINERS TO MEET IN THIS CITY.

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What will undoubtedly prove to be the most notable Masonic event held in this city since the conversion of the Knights Templar, will be the special session of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, which is to be held in the Lyceum theatre on Friday night.

The session will be opened at 7:30 o'clock sharp, and will be followed by a banquet in the board of trade assembly room. The Wilkes-Barre delegation will make the return trip in a special train leaving here at 12:30 a. m. It is expected that upwards of 400 members of the shrine will be in attendance at the session.

The Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine is an organization which is said to have had its origin at Mecca, Arabia, in 644, and its original purpose was to dispense justice, execute punishment upon criminals who escaped their just deserts through the tardiness of the courts, and also to promote religious toleration among cultured men of all nations.

The order was revived in Europe in 1776, and its members are said to have exercised a powerful influence before and during the French revolution. Its beginning in this country was in 1870, when a translation was made of the ritual from the original Arabic, a copy having been found in the archives of the order at Aleppo, Syria, by an Arabic scholar of rare attainments. The translation into English was made under the supervision of Dr. Walter M. Fleming, sovereign grand inspector general, A. A. Rite.

The first temple was organized in New York city in 1871 by Dr. Fleming and William J. Florence, the comedian. It was decided at that time that none but thirty-second degree Masons and Knights Templar be admitted to membership in the order, and this rule has been since followed. With the organization of several other temples an imperial council was organized and general rules laid down. The order has since had a wonderful growth and now has over 100,000 members.

The jewel of the order is a crescent, which is a symbol of a higher and purer source, the great fountain of light, the sun, which is also an emblem of the Great First Cause, of Light and of Intelligence. The fee which is worn on special occasions by shriners is the distinguishing head-dress of Moslems in all parts of the world.

Officers of Irem Temple. The officers of Irem temple for the year 1902 are as follows: Potentate, Frank Delrick; chief rabban, William L. Bauer; assistant rabban, James M. Wilcox; high priest, Harold N. Tux; oriental guide, Robert R. Harvey; treasurer, Frank Puckey; recorder, Warren R. Bowman; representatives to Imperial Council, G. Taylor Griffin, George B. Jermyn, Herbert R. Laird, William L. Bauer, Frank Delrick; marshal, William C. Allan; first ceremonial master, Burton Voorhis; second ceremonial master, George G. Raeder; director, James S. Monks; assistant directors, George W. Carr, Harry G. Merrill; electrician, John A. Redington; James V. Mack; captain of the guard, Charles A. Blumenthal; outer guard, Francis O. Corey; captain corps d'Arabic, Stewart L. Barnes; lieutenant corps d'Arabic, H. B. Beyer; organist, Ernest M. Humberford; chanters, Al Koran, Frank Puckey, A. E. Burnaford, Hugh Hughes, A. C. Lansing, S. E. W. Eyer.

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"The sum of \$50 was instantly forthcoming," St. Louis Item.

DUNMORE.

The directors of the Dunmore Fidelity Deposit and Discount bank will meet tonight, when plans for the new building will be received, and it is thought, the contract will be awarded. Contractor Silkman, of Providence, yesterday had a force of men at work preparing to remove the structure now occupying the site of the new bank. When this is done it is likely the new structure will be begun and rapidly pushed to completion.

A short walk about the town's central streets will convince anyone that the borough ordinance regarding the cleaning of snow from sidewalks has not been very rigidly enforced. Now, before the habit of not removing the snow becomes firmly settled, would be a good time for the borough authorities to enforce the very proper ordinance on the matter.

The Christmas exercises of the Presbyterian Sunday school will take place on Christmas eve in the church. A programme of unusual merit has been prepared, under the direction of Choirmaster Parry and Superintendent Marshall.

Mrs. Charles Oliver is ill at her home on Green Ridge street.

A. B. Baker has gone to New Castle, Pa., where he will permanently reside. The Dairy building has been improved by a coat of bright red paint.

Oscar Yost has returned from a business trip to New York and Philadelphia.

Mrs. A. E. Brown has returned from a short stay at Easton, Mich., where she was called by the serious illness of a sister, who is now somewhat improved.

SOUTH SCRANTON NOTES.

Fine Concert of the Junger Maennerchor in the Parish House Last Night—The News in Brief.

Last night's concert at the Hickory street parish house proved a brilliant success for the Junger Maennerchor, and the spacious auditorium was filled with a friendly and appreciative audience. The singing was of a high order, while the recitations by Prof. M. M. Bitter were most excellent. In the loan



MRS. ALFRED GUTHELZ.

some from the "Merchant of Venice," his portrayal of Shylock was exceptionally good. Mrs. Alfred Guthelz, who had the distinction of being the only lady on the programme, was in splendid voice and received a great ovation after singing "The Gay Gitano" and "The Blackbird." The tenor solo parts were sung by Gustav N. Reper, who received several enthusiastic calls after rendering "Pujas Animam," by Rossini. No encores were allowed, however, owing to the length of the programme.

The society sang several German ballads, the most popular of which were "Farewell to the Forest," "Farewell Harps," and "Mussel Dem!" ("Farewell"), folk song.

Prof. Adolph Hausen acted as conductor, and his intelligent leadership was much appreciated. Charles H. Doersman acted as accompanist. At the conclusion of the programme, refreshments, consisting of hot coffee, cake, fruit and sandwiches, were served by a corps of kindly women of the Ladies' Aid society and Sunday school teachers.

The musical programme was arranged by Gustav N. Reper, Alfred Guthelz, Fred Hermann, Otto J. Robinson and Theodore Lewert. The committee of arrangements was as follows: Florence J. Helriegel, John H. Kempher, George C. Scheuer, Adam Meus and William E. Scheuer.

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T. R. WATKINS THE NOMINEE

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Bridgemen—M. Hannon, Con. Grimes. Bookbinders—57, J. A. Wright, J. F. Roland. Stonemasons—J. Sarlin, F. Richards. Electricians—F. Wells, D. Laverty. Moulders—54, P. Dawson, A. Austin. Federal Union—J. Smith, J. J. McMillan. Feeders and Pressmen—P. J. Fischer, Peter Young.

Street Car Men—188, P. J. Shea, M. J. Barrett. Typographical—William Corless, Joseph Oliver. Switchmen—129, B. J. Gore, Geo. Baxter. Brewery Workers—45, James Calpin, Thomas Gibbons. Plasterers—100, Thomas Jeffries, Corinne Rooney.

Plumbers—99, James Dempsey, Thos. J. Davison. Clerks—211, John Devine, M. J. Coleman. Processors—119, H. Malsinger, C. Watz. Horsehoers—78, M. Buckley, John Datz. Boiler-makers—71, W. W. Lee, Michael Hickers.

Committees Appointed. Sixteen of the delegates who sent in credentials were not present at the convention. There was no roll-call prior to the voting. President Devine appointed the following committees:

Credentials—Nicholas Burke, Mine Workers; George Gother, Cigar-makers; Matthew M. Mine Workers; A. A. Dony, Machinists. Platform—Joseph Oliver, Printers; Hugh Frayne, Sheet Metal Workers; John Ingham, Mine Workers; Daniel Lafferty, Electrical Workers.

Permanent organization was effected by making the temporary organization permanent. Henry Vockroth, of the Sheet Metal Workers, was appointed assistant secretary.

When President Devine announced to the "brothers" that nominations for recorder were in order, Steven O'Donnell, of the Throop local of the United Mine Workers, stated that he understood from the minutes of the last meeting of the Central Labor union that the convention was called for the purpose of determining whether or not a nomination should be made.

The convention call was again read and Mr. O'Donnell was enlightened as to the effect that the convention call would have on the nomination of a candidate for recorder.

Mr. O'Donnell insisted that this was not in conformity with the proceedings of the Central Labor union meeting. Some one questioned Mr. O'Donnell's right to a recorder, and President Devine explained that the Throop local had been given a vote because 300 of its members live within the city limits. The chair also announced that there was nothing before the house except nominations, and invited out of order several members who wanted to talk on other subjects.

Resolutions. National President Frayne, of the American Federation of Labor, suggested that the platform be read and adopted before the nominations were made, and the convention approving, Chairman Devine called for the platform committee to report. It was read by Secretary Patterson, and was as follows:

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 9, 1902. To the Convention of the Economic League. Your committee on platform submit the following for your consideration: The Economic League, of the city of Scranton, in convention assembled, adopts the following proposition:

The conditions existing in city, state and national governmental affairs demand the close attention of workmen, with a view of correcting existing evils and preventing the future corruption of the political interests of the people. The reckless extravagance in conducting our municipal affairs demands the re-education of existing conditions and the establishing of a more economic and business-like method in connection therewith.

We believe that the administration of laws should be just and equitable, that law and order should prevail, and that officials whose duty it is to enforce law and order should perform this duty without fear or favor.

The granting of franchises to monopolies in public utilities is a crime against the public interests, and measures should be enacted to prevent the continuance of this evil, and to so regulate the handling of public franchises as to restore to the people so far as possible the right of control of corporations now owning such franchises in this city.

In connection with such action we declare ourselves emphatically in favor of public ownership of such enterprises as necessary and essential to the best interests of the people.

We believe that the manner of conducting municipal improvements and the system adopted in assessing the taxpayers for such improvements in this city is extravagant and unjust to the wage-earners. We declare in favor of such reforms in this matter as will grant immediate relief to the people.

We declare in favor of the adoption of business methods in conducting the affairs of the city, believing that municipal improvements should be as economically as possible, in the work of individuals or corporations.

The duties of American citizenship demand a full and free expression of the people through the ballot, and the medium of existing political parties, hence we appeal to the people to rally to the support of such a party as will have a pure political action and economic administration of municipal affairs.

Your committee recommends the adoption of the foregoing resolutions. Signed Joseph Oliver, Hugh Frayne, Daniel Laverty, E. E. Knapp, John Ingham.

President Mitchell's Attitude. Chairman Devine declared that the report of the committee on platform would be adopted if there were no objections. M. J. O'Toole said he had objections and proceeded to state them in an extended address. The machinists' union, which he represented, he said, questioned the advisability of labor interests becoming involved in politics at this time. He also alluded to the fact that President Mitchell in his Lake Lodore speech had advised that union men should strive to control the old parties rather than control politics with a party of their own.

District President Nichols, of the Mine Workers, who was among the spectators, was called upon by Chairman Devine to state Mr. Mitchell's views on the subject. Mr. Nichols said he was not authorized to speak for President Mitchell, but he would say that Mr. Mitchell was very much put out when it was reported to him that at the last meeting called to discuss the advisability of nominating a county labor ticket, he had been quoted as declaring against the advisability of such a ticket. "It is better to leave Mr. Mitchell entirely out of this," said Mr. Nichols.

Mutual Advantage

It has always been our aim to conduct the business of this house to the mutual advantage of our customers and ourselves, both sharing alike in the profits of the transaction. We have accomplished this by placing high-class goods upon our floors at a price that would enable us to say, "If we don't sell them to you we are both losing money."

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Williams & McAnulty, 129 Wyoming Avenue.

Advertisement for Lewis, Ruddy, Davies & Murphy featuring a large illustration of a man and the slogan "No Time To Lose." Text describes their holiday selections and offers.

Advertisement for men's shoes, Xmas slippers, and ladies' shoes. Lists various styles and prices for each category.

Advertisement for Lewis, Ruddy, Davies & Murphy at 330 Lackawanna Avenue. Includes text about their business and a testimonial about a child's recovery.